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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
EXAMINING GROUP 1646**

PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 02481.1671-01

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Franz-Josef RUBRÖDER et al.) Group Art Unit: 1646
Application No.: 09/991,964) Examiner: Olga N. Chernyshev, Ph.D.
Filed: November 26, 2001)
For: PROCESS FOR THE) **ATTN: MAIL STOP AF**
STABILIZATION OF PROTEINS)
IN COMPLEX MIXTURES)
DURING THEIR STORAGE IN)
AQUEOUS SOLVENTS)

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed July 11, 2003, Applicants present the amendments on the following pages to bring this application into condition for allowance.

The period for response is extended to November 12, 2003, by a request for a one month extension of time and fee payment filed concurrently herewith. (Tuesday, November 11, 2003, is the Veterans' Day holiday.)

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment section.

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